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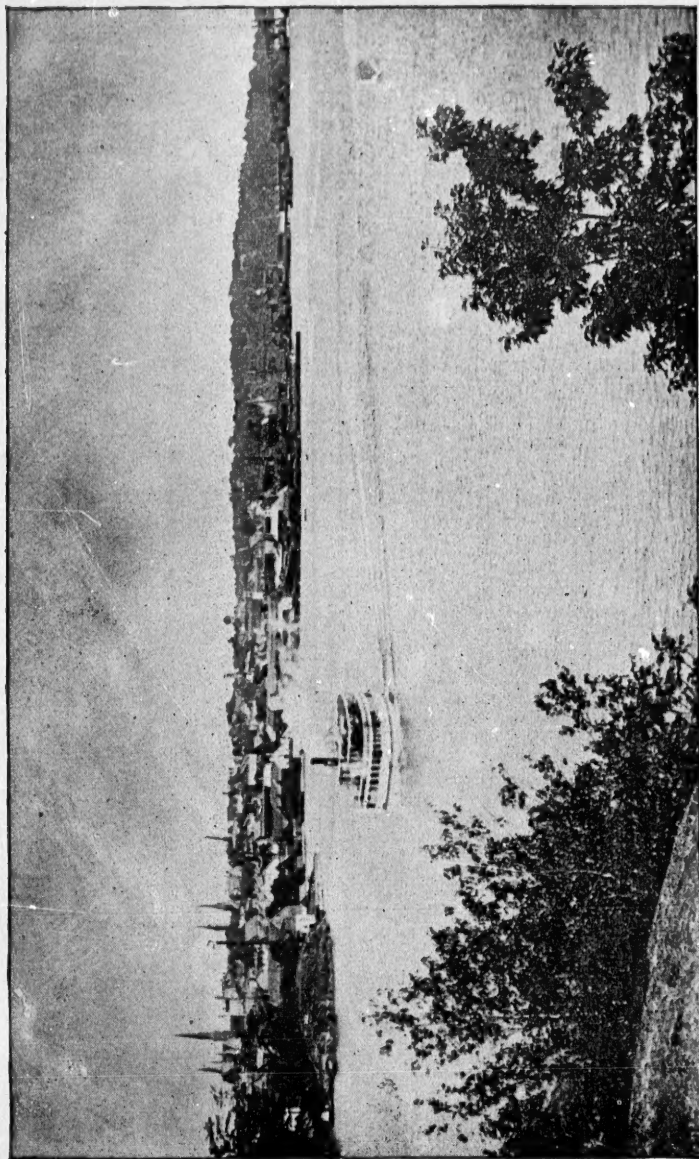
HISTORY OF THE ISLAND CITY FROM ITS FOUNDATION TO THE PRESENT TIME.

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Brockville, from the River, Looking East.

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ROCKVILLE, THE ISLAND CITY, which derives its name from Sir Isaac Brock, occupies one of the most picturesque locations which the lavish hand of nature has carved out for the habitation of mankind.

There is in connection with the naming of Brockville quite an amount of spicy history, and the older settlers often entertain the younger portion of the community, by recalling the events which led up to the period when the collection of houses and vacant lots situated at the foot of the Thousand Islands, was first called by its present name. About the year 1785, William Buell, a U. E. Loyalist, came from the Republic owing to the complications then with Great Britain, and settled on the site of the present town of Brockville. He was followed shortly after by Charles Jones, who "took up land" just east of that occupied by the first arrival. In a short time it became quite an important post, and having outgrown such ordinary names as Elizabethtown and Buell's Bay, the residents decided on rechristening the hamlet. Mr. Buell and his friends insisted on calling it Williamstown, after the first settler, William Buell, while Mr. Jones and his friends were equally positive that Charleston or Charlestown was the proper cognomen. The feeling which rose over the selection of a name became so bitter that the place was for quite a time called Snarlingtown. In 1812 during the heat of the controversy, the Governor, Sir Isaac Brock, visited the hamlet and was appealed to for a solution of the difficulty. He complied with the request, using his own name, and the place was called Brockville, by which it has since been known.

The first act of incorporation of the town was in 1834, when it was divided into two wards. In 1849 a new act of incorporation was passed,

giving the town greater powers, and establishing three wards—East, West and Centre. The town then sent representatives to the Counties Council, but a separation took place in 1859. In 1874 the town limits were extended, and divided into five wards, as at present, North, South, East, West and Centre.

The members of the town council are eleven in number, made up of two councillors, elected by each ward, and the mayor elected by the vote of the whole people. For the present year the council is made up as follows: *Mayor*, John Culbert; *Councillors*, V. R. Marshall, M. H. Bissell, C. C. Lyman, Geo. Crain, A. F. Stagg, W. Carruthers, E. A. Buckman, W. A. Johnston, W. Simpson, J. Stagg.

The principal civic officers are: John Dargavel, *Clerk and Treasurer*; E. J. Reynolds, *Solicitor*; H. E. Vaux, M. D., *Health Officer*; Geo Smith, *Street Surveyor*; B. J. Saunders, *City Engineer*; Joseph Deacon, *Police Magistrate*; Miss Snider, *Tax Collector*; Charles Rose, *Chief of Police*.

With the municipal management of the town, the very efficient system of fire protection is intimately connected, the magnificent system of water works being now corporation property, and it is proving an excellent investment. Two powerful Holly pumps are used, and the system includes 11 miles of pipe and about 90 hydrants. An additional pipe, 6000 feet in length, is now being laid for the supply of water to the new asylum buildings just east of the town, for which supply a contract has been made between the Department of Public Works of the Province of Ontario and the Brockville Board of Water Commissioners. This Board consists of Dr. V. H. Moore, Mr. Geo. A. Dana and Mayor Culbert. In addition to the water works, there is an efficient paid and volunteer fire brigade, one steamer and one hand fire engine.

The educational facilities of Brockville are of the best, and her Collegiate Institute, Public, Separate and Private Schools and Business College have no superiors in the Dominion.

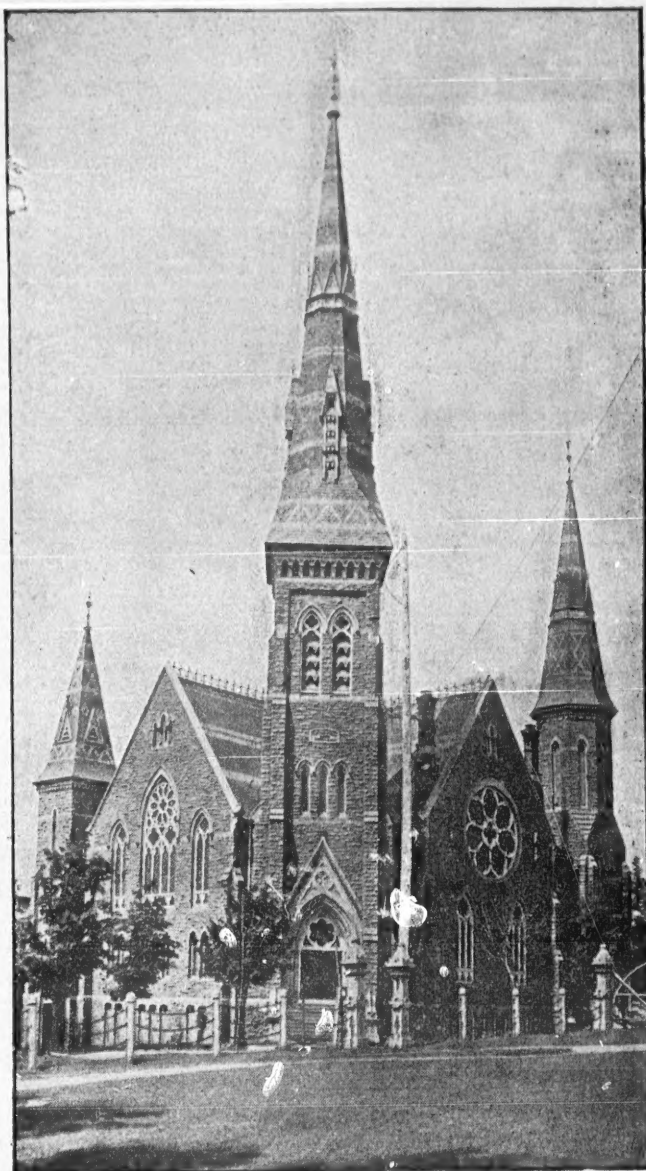
In addition to these are the Art School, the pupils of which have won proud distinction in the Provincial examinations, and the Mechanics' Institute, which with its handsome library is a very popular institution.

The inhabitants of Brockville are religiously inclined, and there are ten churches, in addition to a well attended Young Men's Christian Association, and a Salvation Army Barracks. This is also a town of societies,

and there is perhaps no other town in Ontario where so many fraternal organizations flourish.

As a business centre Brockville stands out pre-eminently the busy town of Ontario. With her large manufacturing concerns, furnishing employment to a vast number of men, her solid commercial houses known throughout the Dominion for their stability, and the railway shops of the G. T. R., the Island City has the proud distinction of being the liveliest business centre in the Province. The banking business of Brockville is of mammoth proportions, due in a measure to the fact that it is situated in the midst of one of the finest dairy sections of Canada, and the largest European and Canadian firms of buyers are represented here, and use vast sums of money annually in the purchase of cheese.

You may visit all the towns in Canada, and



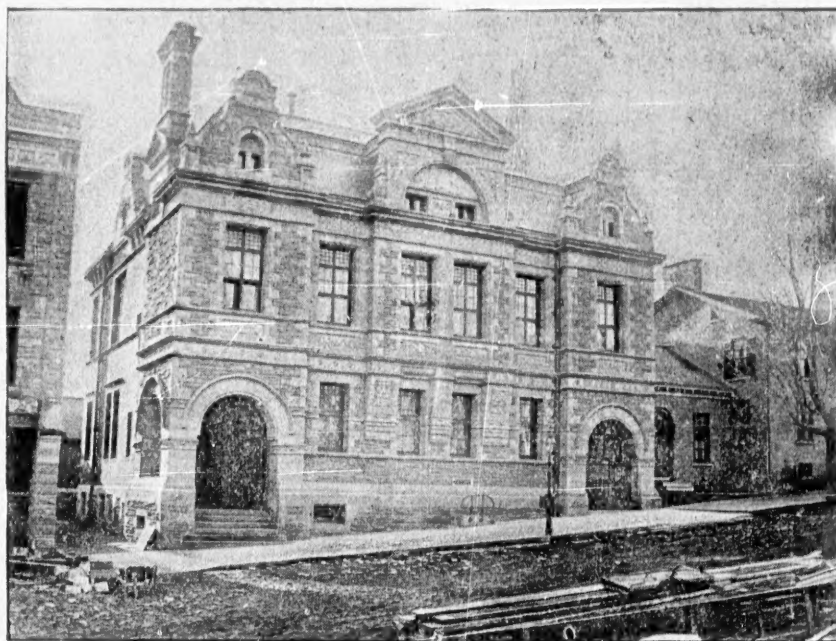
First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. A. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Pastor.

nowhere will you find a more formidable array of substantial stone and brick structures than Brockville possesses, all erected by the cash, and through the enterprise of her leading citizens. To the already large number of handsome structures, is being added the magnificent new asylum being constructed by the Ontario Government for the care of the insane, and which will, in a short time be ready for occupancy. A cut of this imposing edifice which will cost about half a million dollars, appears on another page. While the business men of Brockville are noted for their shrewdness and enterprise, it must be admitted that no inconsiderable proportion of the town's success is due to the location which it occupies. Situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence it possesses all the advantages of navigation, while two railways, the C. P. R. and the Brockville, Westport & Sault Ste. Marie, each has its terminus here, and the G. T. R. ends one of its divisions at this point, and has its workshops located here. The shipping facilities are not excelled in Canada. Tenders are now being asked for material for the construction of an international bridge to span the St. Lawrence at Brockville, and this work will bear a national importance reaching beyond the bounds of this locality. While all these things are true, it is when an attempt is made to describe the beauties of Brockville, its charms as a place of residence, and its opportunities for enjoyment, that words prove inadequate to the task, and the pen involuntarily stops, refusing to undertake a work so impossible of accomplishment. Situated at the foot of the grandest of all nature's creations the world renowned "Thousand Islands," with frowning bluffs overlooking the river on either side, while the clear blue waters of the St. Lawrence, the world's mightiest river, flows majestically by our doors on its course to the sea, is it any wonder, that the Brockvillian grows rapturously ecstatic as he attempts to describe the grandeur and beauty of this, to him the loveliest and dearest spot on earth—his home?

That such a spot should be frequented by pleasure seekers is but natural, for Brockville people not only look after their own happiness, but are proverbial for their hospitality to visitors, and any one who spends a summer at the Island City, forms attachments which are life long. It is essentially a boating town, and no prettier scene can be imagined than can be witnessed here every summer evening, when the placid bosom of the old river is covered with crafts of all sizes and descriptions, occupied by the

joyial inhabitants of the Island City. With its well conducted hotels affording ample accominodation for hundreds of guests, its unequalled advantages for boating and fishing, and its unapproachable scenery, Brockville is the ideal place where the weary business man may come and receive a new lease of life, or the gay pleasure seeker fill his cup of enjoyment to the brim.



Post Office and Custom House.

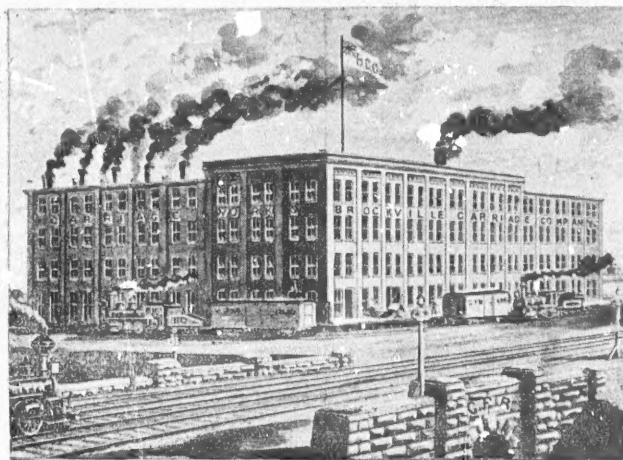
Brockville occupies a foremost position among the manufacturing centres of the Dominion. Possessing, as it does, so many natural advantages and excellent shipping facilities, by rail and water, the number and variety of its factories and business industries have given a metropolitan appearance to the Island City. It is our purpose in this work to give a review of the prominent manufactories and business interests of the town which is here appended.

THE CANADA CARRIAGE COMPANY.

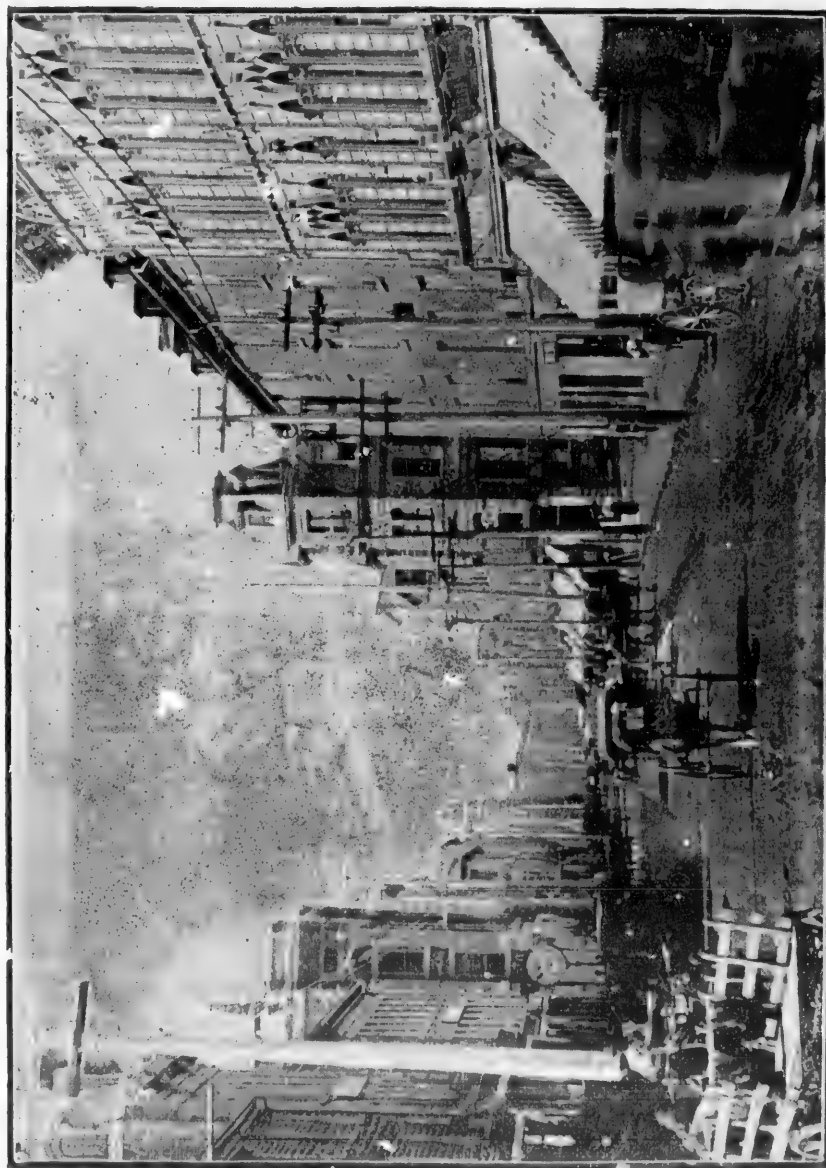
In a book of this nature, showing the growth and prosperity of the Island City, since its first settlement, we are brought down to recent years to describe the advent of an industry in our midst, which was extensive in its inauguration and which is steadily increasing its volume of business, and ever reaching out after new fields. The Canada Carriage Co. in securing a site for their business in this town, shrewdly selected one that has no superior in the Dominion. Their property here covers an

area of five acres on which they have erected substantial brick buildings, five stories in height, which are handsomely finished throughout. A spur of the Grand Trunk Railway extends along the south side, their building having a frontage of 185 feet on this line, and 135 feet along the C. P. R. which has a switch on the west side. It will thus be seen that in the matter

of shipping facilities the Company is well cared for, thus lessening the cost of handling goods. The factory, in point of construction, as well as in equipment, is a model, as every point has been taken advantage of for the successful and rapid manufacture of carriages and buggies. These works are the largest and most complete of their kind in the Dominion, and are equipped with the most improved and finest of modern machinery. That this is an age of progress in mechanical arts is nowhere better exemplified than in this factory. Labor saving machinery has superseded the more laborious hand work, and to say that an article is "hand made" is no longer a proof of its superiority. By the aid of labor saving machinery, carriages are being turned out with greater rapidity and better workmanship. Mr. C. W. Taylor, vice-president and general manager, devotes almost his entire time and attention to the business. He is a thorough and enterprising business man and one who enjoys the esteem and confidence of the entire community. T. J. Storey is Mechanical Supt., and J. P. Byers, Secretary-Treasurer.



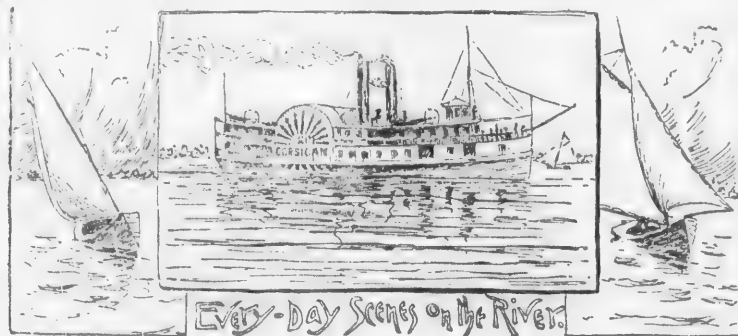
Head Office and Works at Brockville.



Main Street, Looking West.

THE RATHBUN CO.

One of the most important industries in Brockville is that of The Rathbun Company, wholesale and retail dealers in lumber, lath and shingles, anthracite and bituminous coal, cement, lime, tile, etc. This company is easily the largest concern of its kind in the Dominion. With headquarters at Desoronto, and various branches throughout the country, the volume of trade controlled by them is enormous. In Desoronto about 2500 hands are employed in their large saw mill and sash and door factory, cement works, terra cotta and chemical works and flour mills, while a number of steamers and barges and 100 miles of railway, belonging to the company, are used in transporting their goods. The Brockville branch was established in 1888, succeeding the firm of Kearns & Marshall, who had carried on a lumber



business since 1872. The plant now covers several acres and is situated on William street, convenient to the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railways, thus securing excellent shipping facilities. Here is located a large planing mill where sash, doors, blinds, etc. are manufactured, while their yards are stacked with rough and dressed lumber of every description, which they supply in any quantity. Their coal trade is very extensive in Brockville and large sheds are used in the carrying on of this branch of the business. Lime, cement and drain tile are handled to a large extent. The Rathbun Co. have long been known in the flour and feed business and the celebrated Desoronto flour has achieved a reputation for its superior quality. The facilities enjoyed by this firm in the handling of their merchandise and various products, are unrivalled. What they don't manufacture they buy direct from first hands in large quantities for cash, which enables them to sell these goods at very low prices. The agency here, under the management of Mr. V. R. Marshall, has steadily grown in proportions and is an institution of which Brockville may well be proud, employing as it does a large number of hands.



Victoria Hall and Market Building.

THE ONTARIO GLOVE WORKS

In writing a historical sketch of the Town of Brockville and marking its progress as a business centre, we are carried back to the year 1865 in recording the beginning of what is now one of the largest industries of the town, and perhaps the most extensive of its kind in the Dominion. Twenty-nine years ago the Ontario Glove Works had their inception and have steadily advanced and extended the business, until at the present time, under the control and management of Mr. John MacLaren, this establishment ranks as one of Canada's foremost industries. The works, which are situated at the foot of Broad street, cover an area of an acre and a half upon which is constructed solid and substantial brick and stone structures, especially adapted to the business. It is thoroughly equipped with labor saving



machinery of all kinds, of the latest and most improved pattern, among which we might mention a patent steam press for cutting six or seven pairs of gloves at once. They also conduct their own tannery, where they tan their own kid, calf, mocha and sheepskins. The class of goods manufactured include over 300 different patterns of gloves and

mittens, from the ordinary article to the finest and most expensive, and 100 hands are given steady employment the year around. A specialty is made of buckskin gloves and mitts, also fine kid and mocha gloves for both ladies and gentlemen. Their finest kid and reindeer skins are imported from Germany, England and France. Over-stitch and ladies' gloves are made a specialty and the finest work is turned out in these lines. Quantities of Indian moccasins are manufactured for Canadian sale—the lower provinces and the Northwest being the best markets for these goods. The "Chester" and "Worker" patent suspenders manufactured and controlled by them are noted for their durability and simplicity, and have won a reputation wherever introduced. Scotch tweeds—from the best looms—are now handled by this house; they embrace the newest and nobbiest as well as standard patterns, at right prices.

Mr. John MacLaren, who owns and conducts this meritorious institution, is a gentleman who possesses all the characteristics of a successful business man.



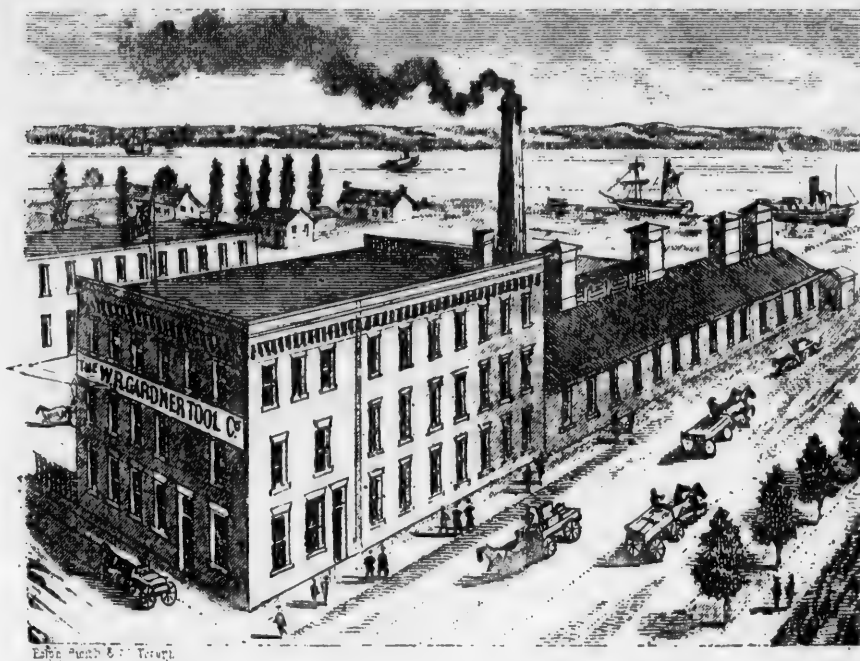
Court House and Jail.



Fairhaven.

THE W. R. GARDNER TOOL CO.

Among Brockville's industries none are more interesting or important than the manufacture of edge tools which is carried on by the W. R. Gardner Tool Co. in their large and commodious works located on the river front at the foot of Kincaid



street. The factory is divided into different departments, such as forging room, machine room, grinding room, polishing and bronzing rooms, filing room, packing department, etc., etc. Employment is furnished to 75 hands. The line of goods manufactured include carpenters' tools, Whitehouse patent augers and auger bits, Warren's patent nail hammers, sledges, hatchets and edge tools of every description. This Company have been in operation for thirty-two years, removing from Montreal to Brockville in 1889 where they have steadily increased and extended connections, so that they now enjoy the reputation of turning out the best and finest finished tools in the country. Their trade not only extends all over the Dominion, but they ship direct to England. Mr. W. R. Gardner, the head of this important firm, is recognized as one of Brockville's leading and most successful business men.



Separate School.

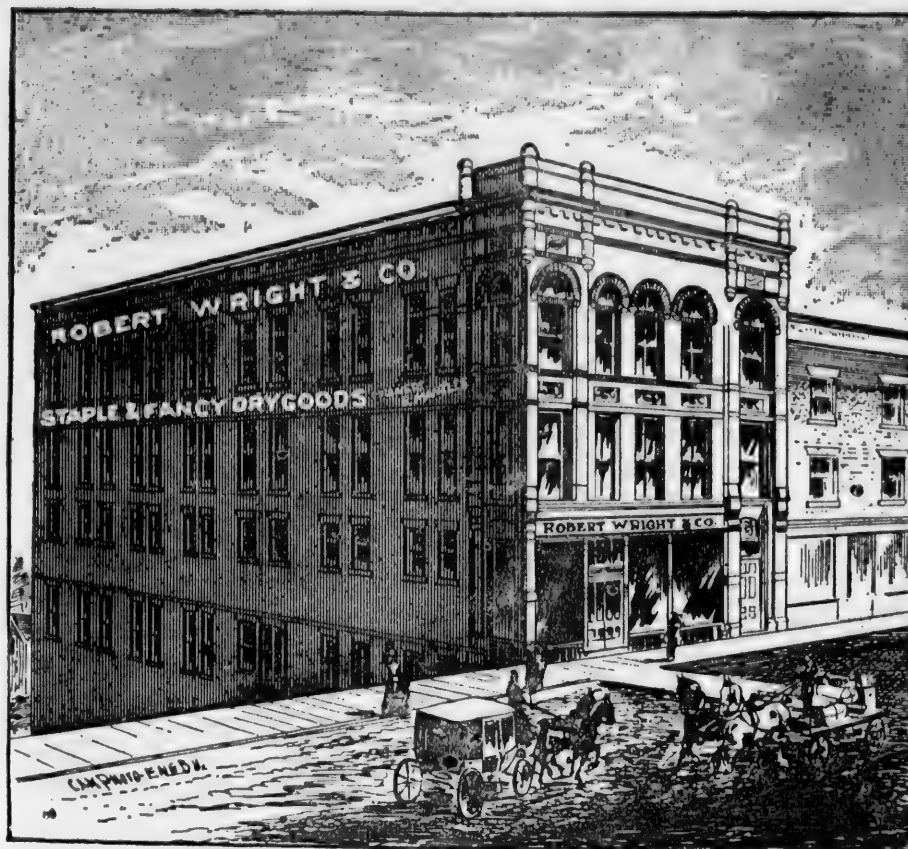


THE W. H. COMSTOCK CO., LTD.

Brockville certainly is favored with a large number of business enterprises, and few communities have so many and varied industries as the Island City, leading as they do in the various channels of trade. The proper enjoyment of life depends a great deal on the individual health, and the business concern which is presided over by Mr. W. H. Comstock, one of our leading and representative citizens, directs its entire attention to the alleviation of some of the most prevalent ills of mankind. The remedies compounded by this firm have become household necessities. The virtues of "Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills," "Dead Shot Worm Pellets," and "McKenzie's Dead Shot Worm Candy" have become known all over the world, and the trade controlled by this firm has assumed immense proportions. Two communities are benefitted by the factories of this concern, the United States market being supplied from Morristown, N.Y., where their buildings cover a large area, and the wages dispersed to employees add materially to the prosperity of the town. The Canadian trade has its centre in the Brockville factory, and the Comstock Block on Court House avenue contains the handsomely fitted up business offices of the firm. Mr. W. H. Comstock through whose energy and business ability this prosperous institution has been brought to its present high standard, is a resident of the Island City and is one of the heaviest real-estate owners and ratepayers and has filled with honor the positions of mayor, councillor and school trustee.



Collegiate Institute.



Brockville should be proud of this metropolitan dry goods emporium which is one of the most complete in the Dominion, containing as it does twenty-six departments, including millinery, fancy goods, house furnishings, etc. The millinery show rooms are located at the rear of the store where is turned out as fine and stylish work as is produced in the Dominion. The dress and mantle making rooms are situated in the basement, giving employment to a number of experienced hands. Patrons of this department are guaranteed satisfaction at moderate charges. The department for gents' furnishings is filled with every requisite. Materials for home decoration can be found in the art needle work department. In the large, well-lighted basement is situated the department for housefurnishing goods, containing a stock of immense variety which is imported direct, thereby saving the middlemen's profit which is given to the purchaser. It is impossible to go into details in describing this magnificent store, with its small army of employees.

GILMOUR & CO.

This house has had a remarkable growth, and has jumped from small beginnings to results of great magnitude. This flourishing and representative concern was established 40 years ago by Mr. William Gilmour, father of the present proprietors, and conducted as a retail grocery. Afterwards it became known as T. Gilmour & Co., who for 20 years carried on the wholesale and retail grocery business. Their retail store was the largest of its kind in Brockville, but the wholesale trade soon assumed such proportions that they found it necessary to devote their entire attention to it, and the retail store was discontinued. Their travellers became known all over the Dominion and an extensive and successful trade was carried on until the spring of 1894, when, upon the retirement of the other members of the firm the present company was organized under the name of Gilmour & Co., the firm being composed of James H. and Albert Gilmour. The



lines of goods carried are of the most complete and comprehensive character, embracing foreign and domestic groceries of every description, a splendid array of table luxuries (imported direct by the firm). In staple groceries the concern excels in the extent, purity and wholesomeness of its goods, the teas, coffees, sugars, etc. being selected with extraordinary care; fully guaranteed, and, as is the invariable rule, sold at the smallest possible margin of profit. In no department is anything of an inferior character handled, the firm aiming to supply its trade with the choicest and best goods that can be procured, and as a natural consequence, it has established a first-class connection, which is satisfied with nothing but what is absolutely reliable. A number of assistants in various capacities are employed, while the interests of the house are well represented on the road by a corps of travellers, commanding a trade which is broadly established over the Dominion and the volume of which is undergoing steady augmentation. The manner in which this enterprise is conducted, its affairs being under the direct control and management of the members of the firm, is such as to inspire the confidence of those with whom it entertains business relations, and entitles it to more commendation than the space at our command will permit.



EASTERN ONTARIO ASYLUM

Is located on the Picken's Point property, lot number six in the first concession of Elizabethtown, adjoining the eastern limit of the town of Brockville. It is 1,300 feet in width and 3,700 feet in length, extending from the Grand Trunk on the north, to the St. Lawrence river on the south, while the main road from Brockville to Prescott passes through it at a distance of about 800 feet from the river. The buildings are erected on the highest point of the lot, 154 feet above the river and about 1,000 feet north of the road. The location is one of the most beautiful on the St. Lawrence, and affords a view for miles up and down the magnificent old river. Nature or art could not have designed a grander spot for the habitation of the earth's afflicted ones, and if surroundings exert any influence on the minds of those unfortunates, the inmates of the Eastern Ontario asylum will have all the advantages to be derived from the most beautifully located institution of its class in America. The main building, for acute patients, is 400 feet in front, and 50 feet in width, with projection for dining and day rooms, with dormitories 72 feet in width. The administration building and officers' apartments are in a building 60



ONTARIO ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE.

feet square, in the centre, and 50 feet distant from the main buildings connected by a passage. The kitchen and pantries are connected with the dining rooms on each side, immediately in rear of the central corridors, and the sculleries and store room are connected with the kitchen. The bakery is in the basement under the kitchen, and the laundry, boiler house, chimney, coal vault and steward's store rooms, also find a place in the basement, to the rear of the bakery. The projection for these is 200 feet by 40 feet, with wings 34x40 feet. The ground floor contains the steward's office and store rooms. The ironing and drying rooms are over the laundry in the western projection, the work and assembly room over the boiler house, while the large water tower is near the chimney. The wings are two storeys high with basement, and are expected to accommodate 85 males and 85 females. The assistant matron's apartments in the centre, and the sewing room on the female side separate the wings, which each contain 38 separate rooms for patients, with pantries and dining rooms on each storey, rooms for attendants, bath-rooms, staircases, water-closets, linen-rooms, etc. Both storeys have verandahs to each

wing, on the front and the corridors are 12 feet in width, and ceilings 12 feet high. The basement corridors under the wings are to be used for steam pipes, indirect radiators, fresh air ducts, etc., while several of the basement rooms can be made available for use by working patients, if desirable. The situation of the superintendent's office, the reception, bursar's and matron's rooms, dispensary and officer's dining room, are on the ground floor of the administration building, while on the second floor the other apartments of the superintendent and matron and female attendants' room is placed, and on the third floor the bath room, water closets, &c. The cottages for chronic patients are six in number, with a capacity for 55 inmates each, making 330, which, added to the 170 for which accommodation is provided in the main building, makes a total of 500, for which number the structure is designed. Between each cottage and the main building there is a space of 50 feet, and the buildings are so arranged that there will be no interference with the view from the corridors, or the access of light and air, which is important from a sanitary point of view. The size of each cottage is 80x40 feet, with projections in the rear for dining rooms 42x28 feet, and two storeys high, containing bath rooms, etc. Each cottage contains 34 separate apartments, and associated dormitories for 21 patients, with dayrooms, attendant's rooms, pantries off dining rooms, storerooms, water closets, &c. The contract for the new asylum was let on Oct. 3rd, 1892, to Messrs. Garson, Purcer & Co., of St. Catharines. The amount of their contract was some \$240,000, which does not include heating, water works, lighting or sewerage, and other work necessary to complete the asylum.

NOAH SAUVE.

The beauties of the Thousand Isles have become world-renowned and visitors from every quarter of the globe have been entranced by the grandeur of the old St. Lawrence and the vista of isles of every shape and size which form such a perfect earthly paradise. It is but natural that the boatbuilding industry should have sprung into prominence, and strangers are delighted with the beautiful pleasure skiffs which are so numerous on the river. The skiffs turned out by Mr. Noah Sauve, whose boat works and livery are situated at the foot of Home street, Brockville, are of the finest. Mr. Sauve, being a practical boatbuilder, is kept busy manufacturing pleasure boats of every description, the residents of the Island City spending so much time among the islands that they need boats of their own. Mr. Sauve has opened a boat livery in which he has placed only new boats of his own manufacture.

A. H. SWARTS.

The origin of the art of embalming is antient history. The mummies existing to-day are monuments to the skill of the ancient Egyptians, whose processes though successful in a high degree, necessitated mutilation and almost complete eviseration. For a time embalming was among the lost arts, but in 1834 successful experiments were made and the art has now reached a high degree of perfection. Mr. Swarts has made a study of embalming for a number of years and is a graduate of Professor Clark's school of embalming, Springfield, Ohio, and holds diplomas from the Oriental school of embalming, Boston, and Professor Renouard's institution of New York



city. Mr. Swarts is so well and favorably known throughout the Dominion that he is frequently called to distant points in Ontario and Quebec to do embalming. He manufactures the Leading Embalming Fluid and Bleacher which is widely known among undertakers as the best preparation of its kind to be obtained. This fluid was used in embalming the body of F. C. Benwell, for whose murder Reginald Birchall paid the extreme penalty. Six days after embalming the body was buried but was exhumed eight times for identification by witnesses and was always found in a perfect state of preservation. Mr. Swarts succeeded to the furniture and undertaking business of T. McEwan & Co. which was established in Brockville over twenty years ago. Mr. Swarts has every qualification for the proper carrying on of the business, being a cabinet maker by trade and having spent twelve years on the road as salesman of undertakers' supplies, which enables him to buy to greater advantage. His large store in the Halliday block, King street west, is well stocked with furniture of every style and variety, and he has every facility for the proper management of funerals, including polite assistants, new hearses, etc.

A. G. DOBBIE & CO

The large and handsome stone edifice situated on the corner of Main and St. Andrew streets, occupied by A. G. Dobbie & Co., is the largest and most complete hardware store in the Island City, being four storeys in height and having a depth of 110 feet. Sportsmen who make Brockville their objective point, get their supplies at this store as the sporting goods department is the most complete in this section of the country. Fishing tackle of all descriptions; high grade bicycles, including the "Comet," made in Toronto: and the "Beeston Humber," "Howe" and "Rudge" wheels of English manufacture, are found here. A large stock of rifles,



guns, revolvers, etc. with ammunition is also carried. The store is well stocked with shelf and heavy hardware, carriage-makers' and blacksmiths' goods, paints, oils, etc. Such a large and varied assortment of goods is carried that it would be a work of considerable magnitude to enumerate them; it is sufficient to say that everything in the line of hardware can be procured from this establishment in quantities and at prices to suit the purchaser. Mr. Dobbie has made many friends during his residence in the Island City, and by his business ability and the genuine interest he takes in the welfare and advancement of the town, is considered one of Brockville's most representative citizens.

M. WHITE & CO.

Thirty-three years ago Matthew White entered the employ of John Ross, who kept a general store on Main Street, Brockville, where the Ross block stands now. Everything could be purchased in this store from a horseshoe to a suit of clothes, and it was here that Mr. White served his business apprenticeship. He became associated with T. R. Sheffield in the firm of Sheffield & White and continued in the general store business for ten years. Purchasing the old Overell block, now



Residence of M. White.

the Recorder building, he conducted a large tailoring establishment for three years when he sold out and removed to Toronto where he resided for several years. Returning to Brockville a few years ago, he opened up a tailoring business on the corner of Main and Market streets, which he now occupies, being associated with his son Mr. Harry White, under the firm name of M. White & Co. A New York cutter, Mr. Louis Hecklinger, is employed in this establishment, and a large and varied stock of suitings is carried, so that a good fit and good goods can always be obtained at a reasonable price. The gents' furnishing department is well stocked with underclothing, shirts, collars, cuffs, etc.

A TRIP AMONG THE ISLANDS.

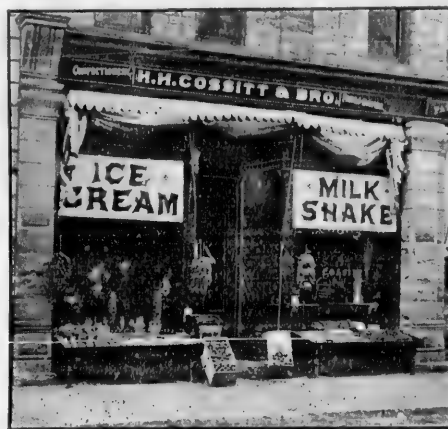
There is no city on the continent of America whose residents and visitors enjoy greater advantages in the way of an infinite variety of beautiful natural scenery and pleasure resorts within easy access than Brockville. Our delightful surroundings and the many attractive breathing spaces, with their alternations of wood and river, which spread their charms before the toil wearied seeker of rest and relaxation, are the pride of the citizens and the wonder and admiration of the tourist. A favorite page in the pleasure seeker's programme is a trip up the river on the steamer



John Haggart, which leaves Mathen's dock at the foot of Apple street, at various times during the day, sailing up through the islands to Union Park, a distance of seven miles, calling at the Electric Light Works Dock, Oriental Isle, Fairhaven, the Cemetery, Fernbank, Pinehurst, Hillcrest and Villa Minerva. Union Park is a favorite resort for Brockville people, many of whom have cottages there and spend the summer months at this beautiful place, having season tickets on the Haggart which enables the business man to look after his interests in town and enjoy a delightful trip through the islands to and from town. Mr. J. E. McGlade is the purser of the Haggart, and his genial and obliging manner adds much to the pleasure of an outing on this steamer.

H. H. COSSITT & BRO.

The extensive business controlled by this firm was established in 1882 and probably no other business of its kind in Canada has shown such remarkable progress. The present firm succeeded John L. Upham in the fruit and confectionery business on King street, and since assuming control have demonstrated that that they are enterprising, shrewd and practical business men. Under their management the business assumed such proportions that it was found necessary to open



up another store, and the business is now carried on in two large and handsome establishments. Every variety of fruit can be obtained at these stores, including oranges, lemons, pineapples, cocoanuts, apples, peaches, grapes, pears, etc. They deal extensively with the Montreal Fruit Exchange and other wholesale fruit houses. Large consignments are being constantly received from the famous Niagara Fruit District, and the Lyn strawberry fields contribute largely to their stock during the season. Confectionery of all kinds is manufactured daily in their factory at the rear of the main store, and counter goods are always fresh and of the highest quality. A large bakery is operated which daily supplies the citizens of the Island City with bread, cakes, etc. A specialty is made of wedding cakes, which have achieved such a reputation for high quality that orders are being constantly received from a distance. Both stores are handsomely fitted up, with mirrors, show cases and every convenience for the judicious display of goods. Large Arctic soda water fountains are a feature of their stores, and competent and polite assistants are in charge of these departments. The ice cream parlors are located in the branch store, in the Fulford block, and are tastefully fitted up for the comfort of patrons.

POULIN & CO.

The history of this extensive, well-known and most successful manufacturing concern is exceedingly interesting reading matter, showing, as it does, that the superior quality and value alone of an article placed on the market, will be recognized by the public to such an extent as to assure the best and largest results. The firm started business as cigar manufacturers several years ago and by strict attention to business and a liberal use of "Printer's Ink," have placed their business in the front ranks of the cigar industry. "Gold Medal" and "Truth" cigars are conceded by connoisseurs to be of unrivalled excellence, and Poulin's "Purity" cigars are well known for their high and superior quality. An important feature



Fac Similie of Label.

should be noted here, that they never employ unskilled labor, and during their whole business career none but skilled workmen have been employed. It is a fact worthy of more than passing notice that the largest sale of their famous brands is right at home in Brockville, which goes to show that the more they are known the more highly they are appreciated. Mr. "Pete" Poulin, the senior member of the firm, is well and favorably known throughout Eastern Ontario, and his genial manner has won for himself hosts of friends. A strictly fine cigar is an article that in every respect is a product of long experience, soundest judgment and perfect facilities. Poulin & Co. have maintained a pre-eminence in this line and have won an enviable reputation thereby. Believing as they do that the better class of goods is the one most in demand by the trade, and that the maintenance of a high standard of quality is the only true way of holding their patronage, they have fully determined to use only the best stock and to see to it that their goods are thoroughly made up and absolutely as represented.



H. H. Cossitt & Bro

Barr's Drug Store.

Fulford Block

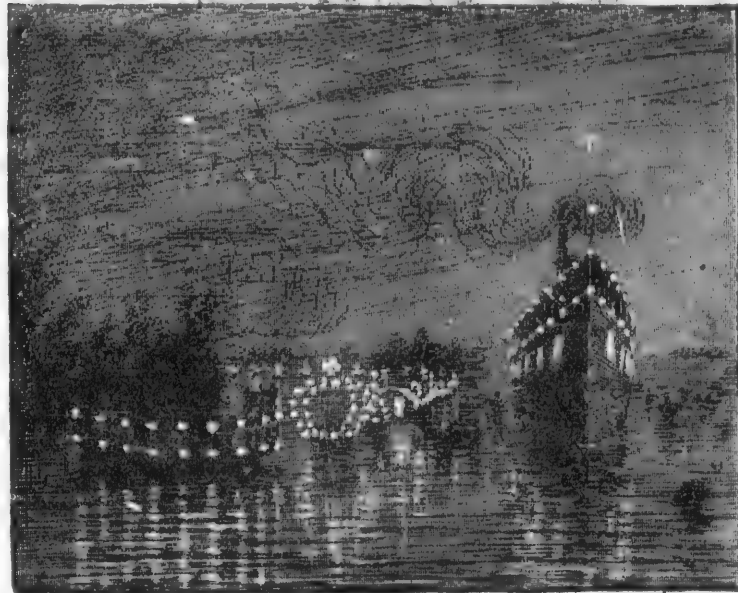
Business College.

LEWIS & PATTERSON.

Sterling enterprise and energy, probity, good management and many other meritorious qualifications, have been the stepping stones that have paved the path to success in the business career of the well-known firm of Lewis & Patterson, direct importers and dealers in mantles and general dry goods. Brockville has always proved a good field for the advancement of individuals possessed of merit and it is therefore not a matter of surprise that the firm of Lewis & Patterson have made such rapid strides into popularity since their establishment here in 1887. They stand to-day in every feature of enterprise and excellence as a representative dry goods establishment of a superior class. Always abreast of the times, constantly renewing their already large and varied stock, and always among the foremost to introduce the latest European fads and novelties, this firm have firmly grounded themselves in the confidence of the public and have become widely known as a reliable source of supply for purchasers who seek the highest quality, combined with moderate prices. Their place of business, located at No. 205 Main street, is commodious and is handsomely adorned with tastefully dressed plate glass show windows and is fitted up in first-class style for the convenience of customers and the adequate display of the stock. A large staff of polite assistants renders shopping at this establishment a pleasant task. An immense stock is always carried and a most bewildering variety is offered in dress goods, silks, satins, etc., including an exceptional selection of ladies' mantles, jackets, ulsters, capes, etc., in plain wool, chevots, diagonal cloths, beavers, kerseys, plushes, and other materials. These goods are the acme of taste, style and good quality.

WM. COATES & SON.

The jewelry and optical business now conducted under the firm name of Wm. Coates & Son, at 220 and 222 Main street, was established in 1857 by Mr. William Coates, the senior member of the firm, being now associated with his son, Mr. H. B. Coates. They have made a special study of the eye and its defects for a number of years and Mr. H. B. Coates is a graduate of the Optholmic Institute of New York city. They are in a position to properly, correctly and scientifically fit the eyes with just what is required to make the vision perfect and the sight natural. A large stock of optical goods is carried and every necessary appliance for testing the sight has been procured. The assortment of jewelry is very extensive and complete. Only skilled workmen are employed in the repairing department guaranteeing first-class work. An extensive line of religious literature is also carried in stock.



A Black & White sketch can give but a very faint suggestion of the wonderful beauty of one of these Illuminated Flotillas among the Thousand Islands. Every craft that will float is on the water, & the winding procession of myriads of colored lights, with their wavering reflections, like liquid fire mingled with the mighty river, present a scene weird and beautiful beyond description. It is a picture from fairy land, yet in the ebony frame of Night, whose brilliancy and glowing color would defy the richest palette and most skillful hand.

C. W. LeCLAIR.

A leading source of supply for gentlemen's furnishing and ready-made clothing is the establishment of C. W. LeClair, conveniently located on King street, opposite Buell. The business was inaugurated in 1892 by the present proprietor. The ready-made clothing department is replete with stylish goods from the celebrated John Calder & Co. of Hamilton, whose name is a guarantee of first-class goods manufactured from No. 1 material. The hat department of this store is a distinctive feature and the stock carried embraces all the leading makers in English and American goods, and the latest styles and shapes can always be obtained here. The gents' furnishing department is complete with every requisite.

JOHN CULBERT.

In these modern days almost every conceivable article of goods is sold by the grocer, and upon the character of our grocery houses, therefore, depends to a great extent the value and purity of the food supply of the whole country. It is accordingly a pleasure to notice in this review of the trade of Brockville, establishments of such high character and reputation as that of John Culbert whose store is located at the corner of Main and Home Streets. The stock is one of the choicest and most comprehensive in the Island City, consisting of coffees, spices, canned goods of all kinds, sugars, butter, cheese, eggs, provisions, etc.; also crockery, glassware, etc. Mr. Culbert is at present mayor of Brockville and has a host of friends.

BROCKVILLE MINERAL WATER CO.

The successful firm of Pilgrim & Co. of Hamilton, in enlarging their business, opened up a branch in Brockville a short time ago on the corner of Buell and James streets, and fitted it up with the latest and most improved machinery. Their goods found immediate favor and Pilgrim's celebrated New York Ginger Ale in quart bottles has become very popular for family use and boating and picnic parties. Their Crab Apple Champagne Cider is in great demand, being a delicious temperance drink. Great success has attended the introduction of Pilgrim's Lemon Sour, Birch Beer and Club Soda, and the firm's handsome delivery waggon is constantly employed delivering these goods to the various dealers.



The shore along the lower end of the Town for about a mile, consists of precipitous limestone rock, in some places 100 ft. in height. [The west end of the town and far up the river is granite.] These High Rocks, with their overhanging ledges, and their quaintly shaped caverns worn by the action of the water, present a ruggedly picturesque appearance. Many beautiful residences with well-kept grounds occupy the plateau above, from which the eye may freely sweep the broad face of the lovely river.



BROWN & SEMPLE.

Plumbing has now become practically a science, and upon its proper application and study depends the solution of many questions of drainage, ventilation and sanitary conditions. In this connection we desire to make special reference to the reliable firm of Brown & Semple, Buell street; both practical plumbers, who have had wide experience in fitting up manufactories and private residences with hot water and steam fixtures. They have completed large contracts in Brockville in the various departments of the business and always have given the best of satisfaction. Upon application at their Buell street office, estimates will be furnished for plumbing work of every description.

G. W. BISHOP.

One of the most fashionable and artistic merchant tailoring houses in this community is that of Mr G. W. Bishop, whose establishment is located on the north side of Main street, a few doors west of Court House Avenue. Mr. Bishop carries a very choice line of gentlemen's piece goods, as tweeds, worsteds, naps, woollens, meltons, etc., for both suitings and overcoatings. A first-class cutter is employed and those desiring perfect fitting garments and faultless in all respects need go no farther than this artistic tailoring establishment. Mr. Bishop also displays an elegant line of goods in gents' furnishing of every style and description. His prices are very reasonable and satisfaction is guaranteed.

T. B. STEACY.

Makes a specialty of scientific testing of the eyes and the correction of defects by glasses, a graduate of the Optical Institute of Canada being always in attendance. No charge is made for testing the eyes and satisfaction is guaranteed. A large line of novelties in sterling silver novelties and plated ware suitable for wedding presents, is to be found in the jewelry department of this store which is located on the north side of King street, near Court House Avenue.

ROBERT CRAIG.

One of the most reliable houses in this section of the country engaged in the importation and sale of fine furs, hats, etc., is that of Mr. Robert Craig, Hatter and Furrier, whose store is situated in the Flint block on the south side of King street, near Court House avenue. This business was established by T. Mills & Co. of which Mr. Craig was a member a number of years ago. Mr. Craig, is a leader and authority on the prevailing styles and fashions in fur garments of every description. The store is finely fitted up and fully stocked with ladies' and



Robert Craig.

gentlemen's fine furs, sealskin goods, hats, capes, collars, muffs, etc., which are offered to customers at extremely low prices. Mr. Craig is agent for R. Parker & Co., dyers and cleaners, Toronto, also for The Standard Fashion Company of New York and Chicago, carrying a large stock of their patterns, which are received monthly, so that the ladies of the Island City and vicinity can depend on getting the latest styles in all descriptions of garments. Fashion sheets furnished free on application. He imports hats, furs, etc. from the most celebrated British and American houses, and handles only first-class goods. The advantage of purchasing furs from such a reliable dealer can readily be seen, inasmuch as a perfect fitting garment is guaranteed. Furs are remodelled and repaired on the premises at very reasonable charges by competent and experienced

hands. This house has always been patronized by the best classes of society in Brockville. The hat department contains a large and varied stock of all the latest styles and shapes in American and English hats and caps, these goods being received direct from the manufacturers. Mr. Craig is well and favorably known in business and social circles as an enterprising and shrewd business man and has made many friends by his genial and friendly manner. Mr. Craig, in securing the agency for R. Parker & Co., dyers and cleaners for Toronto, assures the patrons of this department immediate attention and first-class workmanship.

ADAM FULLERTON.

Unquestionably one of the finest and most reliable drug stores in Brockville is that of Mr. Adam Fullerton who recently purchased the business of Mr. F. C. Lalonde. Mr. Fullerton was for several years a member of the firm of Detlor & Fullerton, druggists, Napanee, but desiring a larger field for business, decided to remove to Brockville. Mr. Fullerton has had a wide experience and made many friends since coming to the Island City. A full line of pure drugs and chemicals is carried, also everything in the line of druggists', physicians' and surgeons' supplies, toilet articles, soaps, patent medicines, etc., and the prescription department is under the direct supervision of the proprietor.

E. CLINT.

Prominent among the business houses of the Island City is the furniture and undertaking establishment of Mr. E. Clint, whose show rooms and work shops are conveniently located on the North side of Main street, opposite Kincaid street. Mr. Clint now enjoys the honor of having the oldest business house of this kind in Brockville. He carries constantly a large stock of plain and fancy furniture of every description and while handling only first-class goods is a firm believer in large sales and small profits. Mr. Clint is a practical embalmer and does this work after the latest approved methods. Coffins and caskets are carried in stock as well as shrouds, and grave clothes, and an efficient staff of assistants is employed.

A. S. AULT & CO.

Prominent among those engaged in supplying the citizens of Brockville and vicinity with coal is the firm of A. S. Ault & Co. whose office is located in the French block on East Main street. The yards and sheds of this company are situated on the river front thus securing excellent shipping facilities. They import and deal in the best qualities of anthracite and bituminous coal, which is received direct from the mines and sold by the ton, car or cargo, at the very lowest prices. A number of hands are constantly employed in the yards and delivering orders. A full stock of drain tile, sewer pipe and connections is always kept on hand, and they also deal in stove wood of all kinds.

BOATS AND RAILWAYS.

The Island City is easily accessible from all points of the compass and during the summer season is a favorite centre for pleasure seekers. Steamers of all sizes and descriptions take the visitors among the islands to the various summer resorts along the shores and to other cities and towns which are fortunate enough to be situated on the banks of the grandest river in the world. The palace steamboats of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. stop at Brockville, taking passengers and freight for points between Toronto and Montreal. Mr. George E. McGlade, 145 King street, looks after the interests of this company in Brockville. He also represents the Canadian Pacific Railway and the principal Ocean steamship lines.



T. J. B. Harding, whose ticket office is located at 170 King street, is the Brockville representative of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg and New York Central railroads, and tickets to all points in the United States, securing Wagner Car berths on application. He also represents the Anchor, American, Guoin, Hamburg, American Packet Co., Red Star and White Star lines of steamships to Europe and Clyde line to Georgia and Florida.

G. T. Fulford, G. T. R. and Ocean steamship passenger agent, has an office on Court House avenue, two doors south of the Post Office and sells tickets at the very lowest rates to all points east and west and to and from all points in Europe via the shortest and most direct routes.

The Canadian Express Co. of which Mr. Fred Bates is the Brockville agent, is doing a large business in money orders. This is the cheapest and safest way to remit money. Orders are payable at 25,000 places in Canada and the U. S. and are good everywhere. Brockville office, first door south of Post Office.

OUR BUSINESS MEN.

Brockville has many beautiful stores and business places and it would be a task of great magnitude to enumerate them. Prominent among the successful enterprises which have added to the prosperity of the Island City are the following representative business men :

R. R. DOWSLEY is proprietor of the Palace Grocery, corner of King and Mill streets, and is also agent for the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association in this vicinity. A large line of groceries of every description is constantly carried.

W. L. MALEY, Brockville's Cheap Shoe Store, is located corner of Main and Apple streets, where a large and varied stock of foot gear is to be found. Summer goods in tans, etc. are made a specialty and sold very cheap.

W. B. ROBINSON is owner of the largest and best equipped livery in Central Canada with office and stables on Buell street. A nobby turnout can be obtained here at a reasonable price. Hacks are supplied with careful drivers day or night.

ISLAND CITY CIGAR STORE is a recent addition to our business places and is located on King street, adjoining the Recorder office. A full stock of smokers' goods is carried, including a variety of brands of tobacco. A smoking and reading room has been fitted up in first-class style for the convenience of patrons.

KUHN'S MUSIC HOUSE, at 200 King street, is well stocked with musical goods including the celebrated Gerhard-Heintzman and Mason & Risch pianos. Mr. Kuhn represents J. L. Orme & Co., direct importers of band and orchestral instruments, pianos, cabinet and pipe organs, etc. Harmonicas, sheet music, instruction books, violin strings, always in stock.

BARR'S DRUG STORE. Headquarters for perfumes and toilet requisites, on the corner of King street and Court House avenue, is the finest and best fitted establishment of its kind in the Dominion. A large and varied stock is carried including hospital and physicians' supplies, all the leading new remedies and pharmaceutical preparations, trusses, supporters, elastic stockings, knee-caps, anklets and bandages, water bags, syringes, fine chemicals, etc., wholesale and retail. Every prescription is doubly checked so as to secure accuracy, and only the purest drugs and remedies used. All orders are promptly filled. P. O. Box 79. Telephones 177 and 131.

Education is a subject that should demand the earnest consideration of every man and woman of our land, and it is generally conceded that Brockville as an educational centre is not surpassed by any other city or town in this Province. Messrs. Gay & McCord, principals and proprietors of



are experts in the line of work they teach, and judging from the large number of graduates going out from the College from time to time, and securing good situations, we would emphatically assert, that as a lever for securing an entrance into the business world, a course under the instruction of these gentlemen and their staff, is the most efficient preparation a young man or woman can have.

This institution is patronized largely by Public School Teachers, who dissatisfied with the small remuneration they receive, take up the work here, and thus enter a sphere where their services are appreciated and paid for accordingly. The course is arranged for all grades of students, the tuition rates are moderate, and the thoroughly practical nature of the work taught at this College, makes it one of the most popular and important educational institutions in our midst.

The principals of the College inform us that the field for competent Shorthand writers is ever widening, and that at the present time there are thousands of good positions going-a-begging for the lack of competent persons to fill them. Young men and women having a good education and who are possessed of enough pluck and grit to attend right to business, are in demand, and will be sure to make their mark in the world.

BROCKVILLE'S CHEESE INTERESTS.

Canadian cheese has long been world-renowned for its high quality and general excellence. This was fully demonstrated at the World's Fair held at Chicago last summer when our cheese swept all before it and secured nearly all the prizes. Brockville is the centre of the cheese industry and the business has grown to such an extent that we have now in our midst what is known as the Brockville Dairy-men's Board of Trade, of which C. H. Smith, Chantry, is president; C. J. Gilroy, Glen Buell, secretary; and R. G. Murphy, Elgin, auctioneer. The Board meets every Thursday afternoon in Victoria Hall. Prominent among the cheese buyers who are residents of the Island City, are:

D. DERBYSHIRE & CO., who represent Ayer & Co. of Montreal, and are also extensive dealers in cheese factory and creamery supplies. Mr. Derbyshire is president of the Ontario Creameries Association.

A. A. DAVIS is a through shipper and devotes his entire attention to the cheese industry, doing an extensive business in the United Kingdom.

WM. JOHNSTON buys for Grant of Montreal, and handles large quantities of cheese. He is also an extensive dealer in butter, eggs, salt, seeds, etc.

W. J. CLUFF is an extensive dealer and ships direct. He also handles cheese factory supplies and controls a large trade in these commodities.

O. E. EARL formerly represented Joseph Warrington of Montreal, but this season is a through shipper, having an extensive connection in England.

M. H. BISSELL is the representative of James Alexander, Montreal, and is one of Brockville's leading citizens, being a member of the town council and chairman of the street committee.

The demand for artistic taste and culture is in no business more apparent than in that of the florist. The premises of J. Hay & Sons, Brockville's leading florists, are located on East King street, where they have a large stock of the rarest and most splendid novelties of foreign and native flowering plants. They maintain branches at Alexandria Bay, N.Y. and Rockport, Ont., and have ample resources to carry on what they control—an extensive business. The firm is composed of Charles J. Hay, Norman Hay and J. Hay.

